

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

**CONFERENCE ROOM 205  
3 CAPITOL HILL  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, October 5, 2016  
8:45 AM**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**Board Members in Attendance**

**Dr Nancy Bisci lacono**

**Dr. Louise Di Chiara Pastore**

**Dr. Dena Hall**

**Dr. Maria Sampalis**

**Board Members not in Attendance**

**Staff Members in Attendance**

**Peter J. Ragosta - Chief Administrator Officer**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**1. A quorum was establishment at 8:55 a.m.**

**A meeting of the RI Board of Optometry was held on October 5, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 205, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:55 a.m. on a motion by Dr. Dena Hall-Cassidy and seconded by Dr. Nancy Iacono. Motion carried.**

**1. Presentation of the June 15, 2016 Open Session Meeting Minutes  
Motion was made at 8:58am by Dr. Louise DiChiara, seconded by Dr. Nancy Iacono to accept the Open Session minutes of June 15, 2016. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

**2. Chief Administrative Officer Report**

**3. Old Business**

**The Board of Optometry (BOO) wants to participate in the Primary Care Physicians Advisory meeting. Dena Cassidy asked for the date of the next meeting and requested that Optometry be on the agenda.**

#### **4. New Business**

**Pop-up eye clinics (“Mobile Eye”) in RI was discussed and if they are able to operate under RIGLs. The BOO will continue to investigate the legality of this model and its operation in the State. Attorney McCarthy will continue to review and advise on proceeding forward.**

**Miscellaneous Optometry Business Models such as “Opternative” was discussed. This particular business was featured on a NBC 10 Turn to Ten story. BOO will continue to investigate the impact on public health and if it should be permitted to operate in RI. Attorney McCarthy will continue to review and advise on proceeding forward.**

#### **5. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session**

**Motion was made by Dr.Cassidy and seconded by Dr. Pastore to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:22 am. Motion carried.**

**Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island**

**General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.**

**6. Motion to return to Open Session**

**Motion was made by Dr. Sampalis and seconded by Dr. Iacono at 9:51 a.m. to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.**

**7. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session**

**The Board reviewed and voted NUPC on one (1) case.**

**8. Adjournment**

**The next Rhode Island Board of Optometry meeting will be held on October 5, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 205, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Dr. Hall Cassidy and seconded by Dr. Louise DiChiara Pastore to adjourn at 9:53 a.m. Motion carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Peter Ragosta**

**Peter J. Ragosta, RPh.**

**Chief Administrative Officer**

